

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In my own hometown of Cincinnati, the lack of diversity of news sources is quite disturbing. To further this trend is quite frightening. Our local newspapers are owned by the same company and many of our television stations are owned by one or two conglomerates. It has led to poor reporting, lack of community involvement and a general distrust of the news as nothing novel or imaginative seems to hit the presses. Please do not allow further combinations to reduce the diversity that is so necessary for a healthy democracy. If we change these rules, we will limit our future ability to participate as informed citizens.